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DATE: 15 April 1948

TO : FBM EYES ONLY 15-30

FROM : Chief of Station, Karlsruhe, Germany

SUBJECT: GENERAL — Personnel

SPECIFIC — Lucien Conein

REFERENCE - MGH-W-830

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1. Reference your request for a statement on subject officer for the purpose of including such statement in his security file, the following is offered.

2. Conein has been known by the writer for a considerable period of time, for the past two years on a day-to-day basis, since he has been directly under the supervision of the writer. It is the frank opinion of the writer that Conein has definitely settled down and is most anxious for a continued career with this organization. His desire to continue his career is endorsed by me.

3. It is pointed out, however, that Conein does require more day-to-day supervision at the moment than perhaps some other person than myself would give him. However, due to this day-to-day supervision, it is felt that far more results have been obtained from the services of Conein.

4. Quite frankly, Conein had quite a reputation prior to his assignment with the German Mission, and in many quarters because of his wartime activities, he was played up to as a hero and a free-wheel operator. The continued back slapping and praise on the part of many of our staff members did not help the situation. His flair for exaggeration can be directly attributed to this back slapping and praise. These things I have personally made clear to Conein on two occasions during the past year, and I must say that he certainly has profited by the discussions he has had with me on this part of his character.

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5. He is completely loyal, well motivated, and honest.

6. I do feel, however, that he has found his niche with the type of work he is doing and would strongly recommend that he be retained on such an assignment. I say this for I feel there will always be a need for a so-called Disposal Unit, and at this point Conein is one of three who are completely trained and well versed in the peculiarities of this work.

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